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ST. MARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church on its 87th anniversary this year.

In 1930, God gave a group of dynamic trailblazers, under the leadership of the church's first pastor, Reverend R.D. Cooper, a vision to help establish a permanent place of worship. They purchased land and built the first structure that would become St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church. On that location, the members of St. Mary embraced the church's unified goal of "Touching Lives for Christ."

As pastors came and went over the years, each had their own vision on how to improve and enrich the church and its congregation. The church's current leader, Minister Lawrence F. Baker, Sr., joined St. Mary as its pastor in 2005 and made many improvements and purchases that helped the church grow its membership while never losing sight of its vision.

St. Mary is a truly blessed congregation with its kind and charitable members serving the community any way they can. As the church continues to grow, the good people of St. Mary touch more lives every day. On June 11, communities and congregations from all over came together to celebrate St. Mary's history and future.

I congratulate Minister Baker on his impressive leadership of this dynamic organization.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 54 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Gary Klein, Temple Ahavat Shalom, Palm Harbor, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Religious traditions teach that people and God are to work together to create a better world. Therefore, as we begin this day of work of the House of Representatives, we pray first, O God, that You join with medical professionals to help Congressman SCALISE and others injured with him experience complete recoveries.

We also pray that You bless the efforts of this legislative body so that the collective courage, dedication, compassion, and wisdom of its Mem-

bers help this country maintain its position as "a light unto the nations."

You have also taught us through the Talmud, a work of Jewish religious literature, that trying to improve the world, even if you do not complete the task, is life's most sacred duty. Help us and our legislators to also understand the Talmudic concept that reinforces this when it states: If you save a single life, it is as if you saved the entire world.

O God, help each of us as Americans recognize the significance of the work done by our legislators, and help us to always be grateful to them. God, we also pray that You keep our legislators healthy and safe so that they may continue their work of improving the world.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HIMES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI GARY KLEIN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome my great friend, Rabbi Gary Klein, who has led the Temple Ahavat Shalom of Palm Harbor, Florida, for the past 30 years.

Temple Ahavat Shalom is a congregation that serves nearly 500 households in my district. Since coming to Pinellas County in 1987, he served on the board of the St. Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish studies and currently serves on the National Council of AIPAC.

Rabbi Klein is a long-time advocate on behalf of the U.S.-Israel alliance.

As co-chair of the Congressional Hellenic Israeli Alliance, I welcome his continued advice and counsel, especially as it relates to security in the Eastern Mediterranean.

For several years now, I have joined Rabbi Klein and the congregation for Passover Seder, and I very much look forward to continuing this tradition.

I am thankful for his friendship, and I wish him many more years of blessed leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BMW CREATES JOBS IN SOUTH  
CAROLINA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 25 years ago, I was grateful to be with Governor Carroll Campbell, Senator John Russell, and Senator Verne Smith when BMW held the groundbreaking for their first American manufacturing facility in the upstate of South Carolina.

Today, with an investment of nearly \$8 billion by BMW, South Carolina is the leading exporter of cars of any State, and the Greer plant is the largest BMW manufacturing facility in the world, with \$9.5 billion worth of autos exported from the Port of Charleston last year. This fulfills the vision of the legendary industrialist, Roger Milliken.

BMW has excelled by being a leader of apprenticeship training programs, creating over 30,000 jobs with ontime delivery of suppliers, and a total of 120,000 jobs nationwide.

I was grateful to join Governor Henry McMaster; Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM; president of BMW, Knudt Flor; and chairman of the board, Harald Kruger, yesterday as BMW announced an additional expansion of \$800 million and 1,000 more jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations again yesterday on the swearing in of Congressman RALPH NORMAN, who is only the second Republican elected in 125 years from the Fifth District of South Carolina.

SENATE HEALTHCARE BILL  
DENIES COVERAGE

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)